



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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April 2025

Pastor's Pen.....

Palm Sunday...Maundy Thursday...Good Friday...Easter. Four sacred days on the calendar of the Church Year and they happen this month! They're each part of the story. To miss out on one is to get an incomplete picture. So, if your schedule permits, I hope that you'll make it to all four.

Palm Sunday @ 10:00am -- *With palm branches we'll remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the back of a borrowed donkey. What does "Hosanna" really mean? We'll take a look!*

Maundy Thursday @ 6:00pm — *Just this particular one will be downstairs in fellowship hall. We'll partake of an adapted Passover Seder and recall the Seder that Jesus had with His disciples. This will be followed by a regular church supper sponsored and run by our Board of Spiritual Life.*

Good Friday @ 7:00pm -- *A quiet, contemplative sort of service. (Yes, in the sanctuary) The good news of Easter really gets its significance from the bad news of Good Friday. There's a reason why the most recognized symbol of Christianity is a cross.*

Easter Sunday @ 10:00am — *God did for us in Christ what we are utterly incapable of doing for ourselves. The Resurrection changed everything, especially our relationship with mortality. Come for the worship, stay for the breakfast!*

I hope to see you there!

David



Pastoral visitation is available to those who are hospitalized, temporarily laid up at home, or going through rehab at a facility. Because hospitals and other institutions do not notify the church when a patient is admitted, we need for you or your family member to notify us. We will be more than happy to accommodate your request for pastoral care. Please note also that the pastor may be reached for emergencies at [\(224\) 386-6285](tel:2243866285) (cell phone).

Pastor David's procedure in visiting St. Paul's shut-ins, as well as, those members who have a difficult time getting to church is to offer support, bring Holy Communion (their option) and to let them know we journey together in worship. Pastor David understands that scheduling may depend on frequency of doctor's appointments or the church member's schedule. Visitation is always available, however, as the shut-in member's health and life situation may change and more extensive pastoral care is needed. Any church member or their family member desiring more frequent pastoral visitation, or to be placed on the visitation list in the first place should contact the church office at [\(847\)-358-0399](tel:8473580399) to make arrangements.

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

Pastoral
Relations
Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee is Available To You

Do you have an idea, a question, a comment, or a concern that you would like for Pastor David to know about? You have a couple of options available to you.

First, you may speak directly with the pastor. Our pastor is here for ALL of St. Paul's members and he welcomes communication from ALL members. If you aren't comfortable in speaking directly with the pastor, however, then your second option is to go through the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Their purpose is to foster good relations between pastor and parish through open and thoughtful communication.

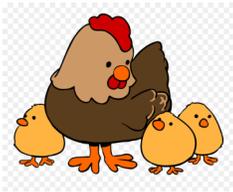
St. Paul's Pastoral Relations Committee members are:
Debbie Everett (Chair); Tom Donat, Jim Frost, and Bob Kolze.



Phyllis Wittig

Max and Sue Gould

St. Paul Family



Lenten Opportunity Starting April 6, 2025



The children of St. Paul are organizing a fundraiser for Heifer Project. Since many farmers around the globe have lost their chickens and egg production is down, we would like to help replenish their flocks.

There will be a basket of plastic eggs on the serving table in Fellowship Hall. Remove the small gift inside the egg with out thanks, and replace it with a monetary gift to help support the farmers.

Your kindness in helping the children of St. Paul achieve their goal is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Miss Linda & Children of St. Paul



"Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple"

Join with Pastor David on six Thursday mornings during the Lenten season as we explore the Apostle Peter. Who was he? We know him as the impetuous Galilean fisherman who jumped out of the boat and tried to walk on the water toward Jesus. But, what else do we know?

All are invited to come as we look at this colorful disciple.
Basement classroom. RSVP to the church office.

Thursday April 3rd
Thursday April 10th

10:30-11:30am
10:30-11:30am



Milestone Birthdays

Rosann Stenzel will be 70 on April 19

Mary Doktor will be 70 on April 20

Ed Doktor will be 75 on April 25

April Birthdays

Roger Fannin	4/3
Bob Anderson	4/5
Riley Doktor	4/9
Lisa Arthur	4/11
AJ Fong	4/11
Doris Brzostowski	4/12
Janet Olsen	4/14
Linn Enockson	4/15
Roseann Stenzel	4/19
Mary Doktor	4/20
Charlotte Mally	4/22
Pam Rogers	4/24
Ed Doktor	4/25
Debbie Everett	4/27
Sue Lech	4/30

*If there is anyone I missed, please call the church office, so we can update our records.
Thank you!*



Just driving through

When my friend and I were injured in a car accident, a family from out of state stopped to help. Seeing we were hurt, they drove us to the hospital and stayed there until we were released. They then took us home, got us food, and made sure we were settled in. Amazingly, they interrupted their vacation to help us.
—Cindy Earls, Ada, Oklahoma

Twice as nice

Two firefighters were waiting in line at a fast-food restaurant when the siren sounded on their fire truck parked outside. As they turned to leave, a couple who had just received their order handed their food to the firefighters. The couple then got back in line to reorder. Doubling down on their selfless act, the manager refused to take their money. —JoAnn Sanderson, Brandon, Florida



*****Earlier Dates to Cover Easter Gifts*****

Raise Right makes all your gift shopping easy. Put in Easter baskets or if your group is too big for those, then give them the gift card in an Easter card.

Also great for birthdays, baby and wedding showers, house warming gifts or for just for your personal use.

There are so many choices of gift cards on www.raiseright.com and the website will show you how much the Community Outreach program will earn off of every card purchase.

You receive 100% of the gift card amount you purchase, and the VISA cards do not have an activation fee.

Place your order by April 6 and get your cards April 13th.
We changed the dates so you will get the gift cards BEFORE EASTER

Below is the Raise Right (Scrip) form , print it off and fill it out. If you go to www.raiseright.com you can see all of the gift cards that are available.

*****There is no activation fee on the VISA gift cards*****

St Paul United Church of Christ/Palatine, IL			Date		
Name			email or phone		
Check #			Order total		
Common products	QTY	Total	Product	QTY	Total
Amazon \$10.00		\$			\$
Amazon \$100.00		\$			\$
Amazon \$25.00		\$			\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00		\$			\$
Jewel Osco \$100.00		\$			\$
Jewel Osco \$50.00		\$			\$
Mariano's (IL) \$100.00		\$			\$
Mariano's (IL) \$50.00		\$			\$
Starbucks \$25.00		\$			\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		\$			\$
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Walgreens \$100.00		\$			\$
Walgreens \$25.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$100.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$25.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$50.00		\$			\$

Awaken

Come Join our Messy Church Event
Creativity, Celebration, and Hospitality

*Messy Church is a form of church that combines four “F’s” faith, food, fellowship, and fun, **but not as you know it.** Regardless of your age or life journey, come and join us as we celebrate our messy lives through creativity, hospitality and more!*

Messy Church

April 6th at 3:00PM – 5:30PM

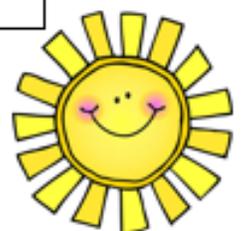
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****Please bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the Palatine Food Pantry***

All are welcome to join us for activities, mission project, story telling, singing, a meal, and more...





April 12th
Game Night
4:30-?

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**



April 26th
11:30am
Women's Fellowship
Roaring 20's Tea Party
Ladies get your outfits
ready!!

**Sign-up sheets are at the East Entrance
for EVERY Event: Messy Church, Game Night
and Tea Party**



Do you take medicines and wonder if there's anything that can be done other than just recycling the pill bottles? If you're like me, you already have pill bottles filled with different size nails and screws or other little things.

Well, I've found a ministry, Matthew 25 Ministries**, just outside of Cincinnati, in Blue Ash, Ohio, that accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies for their ministries. Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Beginning immediately, I'll be collecting empty pill bottles to take to Matthew 25 Ministries on my next trip to Cincinnati later this spring. There are some requirements that need to be followed for the bottles to be accepted by M25M.

They accept the following types of bottles:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

Pill bottle donations should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles must have an all plastic lid.
- All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue.
- All bottles and lids should be washed with dish soap, rinsed, and dried.
- Caps should be placed back onto the clean, dried bottles.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Karen Connor

**Matthew 25 Ministries states they help the poorest of the poor and disaster victims throughout the United States and around the world. The mission of Matthew 25: Ministries is to fulfill Matthew 25:34-40 of the New Testament by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need.

Pray without ceasing.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
Nick & Michael Drost
Ed, cousin of Jackie Schultze
Elena, daughter-in-law of Mary Carlisle
Jeff Florey
Bob Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Shimka
Matthew & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry Ingram
Ashley Karr, friend of the Everetts
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze
Brian & Leeland, Altergott Family
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost
Holly Petersen
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Sharon, neighbor of Bob & Pat Kolze
Bonnie Stallone, daughter of Jim & Shirley Schimka
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Beverly Young
Rosann friend of Sharon Khan
Cassandra Trost
Maceo & Dolores Ellison
Grace Hogaboom, friend of Pat Kolze
Mary Rickert- friend of Sharon Khan
Maverick, Sharon and Gary Altergott's Grandson
John & Lillian Connor, Gary Connor- Karen Connor's former In-laws
Marjorie & Chuck Anderson

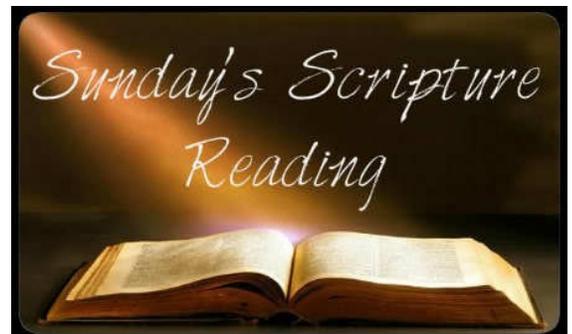
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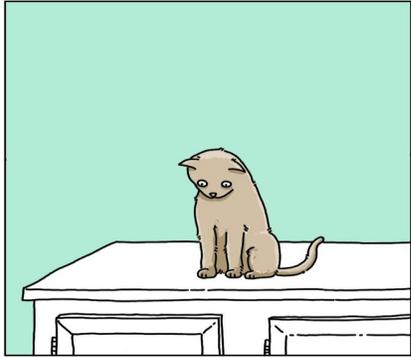
**April Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly**

**April Readers:
6: Tom Donat
13: David Russell
20: Kim Cichon
27: Kim Cichon**

**April Greeters:
6: Shay Storm
13: Jackie Schultze
20: NEED
27: Steve and Lynn Barr**

**Lectionary for April
6: Psalm 126, Isaiah 43: 15-21, John 12: 1-8
13: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, Luke 19: 28-40, Luke 23: 1-49
20: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18
27: Acts 5: 27-32, Revelations 1:4-8, John 20: 19-31**



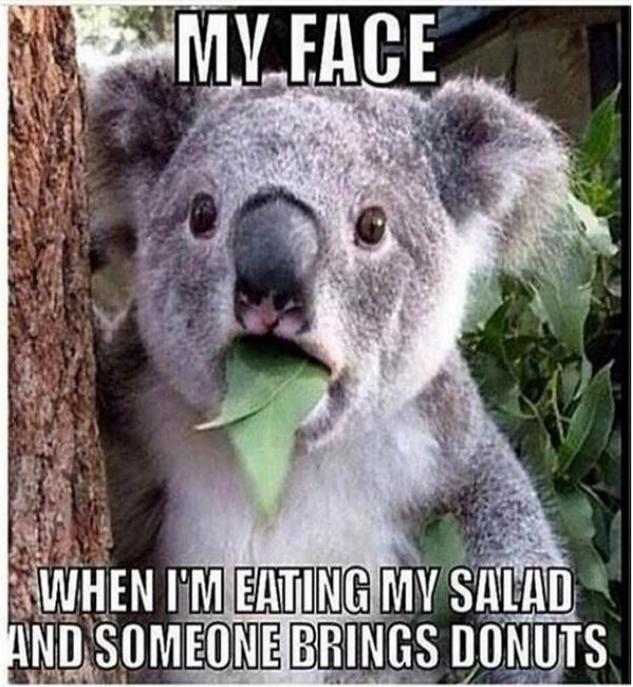
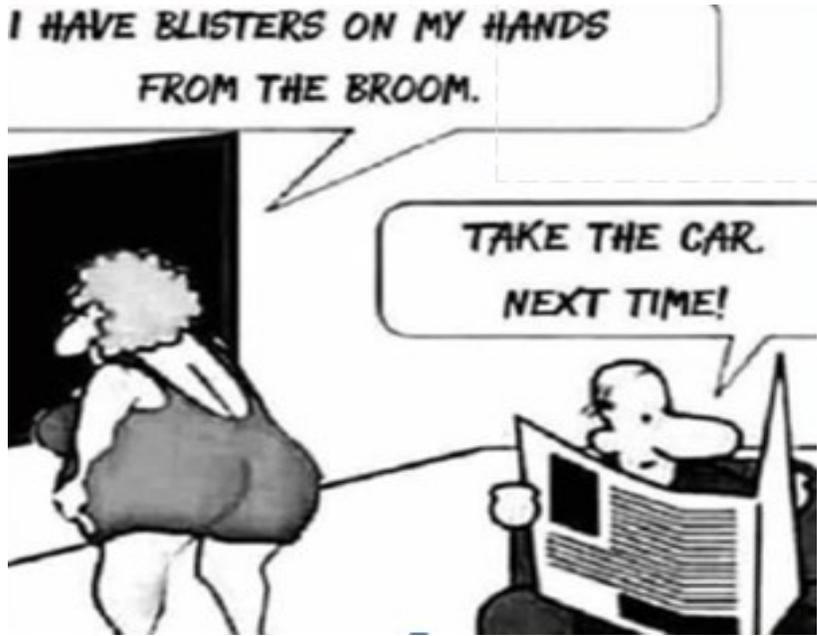


A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm OK, but I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse.

"Oops!"



MOST PEOPLE DON'T THINK I'M AS OLD AS I AM UNTIL THEY HEAR ME STAND UP



APRIL

WORD SEARCH



a d x a l i p c w a i
 y i g b e e d u j n s
 k a a i o l a v t h s
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WORDS

- showers
 underground
 daffodil
 tulip
 bloom
 taurus
 diamond
 earth
 easter
 passover
 fool

